

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

I believe that the world public should be presented a variety of different viewpoints from which to decide issues for themselves, and any media control by a small group seriously impinges upon our right to know, in effect violating our right to know about issues. Similarly, cross-ownership of broadcast/newspapers affects our citizenship rights. The present safeguards should be upheld, not weakened.